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REMARKS

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1. Between 10 and 15 October 1953, troops returned to [redacted] barracks installations in Stendal, mostly by road and during the night.
2. Prior to 13 October, the Tautenburg Kaserne in Stendal was occupied by about 250 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets, including some with motor transport insignia; and blue-bordered black epaulets. Beginning about 14 October, the installation quartered at least 1,000 troops, mostly wearing black-bordered black epaulets and blue-bordered black epaulets.

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About 150 trucks arrived during the night. The column did not include any heavy weapons, but at least 5 motor boats or assault boats on trucks. On 14 October, all barracks buildings were lighted at dusk.

3. On 15 October, the Lindenburg Kaserne was occupied by about 1,500 to 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black, black-bordered crimson and black-bordered black epaulets. Source expressed the belief that the installation included a hospital or a post dispensary. Ambulances were repeatedly seen entering the installation, coming from other barracks installations. An informant stated that, between 13 and 15 October, small columns of trucks continually went toward the barracks installation. On 15 October, the barracks buildings were fully lighted.

4. Informants stated that, on 14 October, several tanks entered the Albrecht-der-Baer Kaserne. On 15 October, about 170 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including about 30 troops wearing tank insignia; and about 20 troops with motor transport insignia; about 35 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and 4 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets were seen in the immediate area.

5. On 15 October, the Borstel Fliegerhorst was occupied by a unit equipped with 100-mm AT guns and a unit of troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and equipped with 132-mm rocket launchers. [redacted] that the installation also quartered a checkpoint for motor vehicle columns. Arriving trucks mostly went first to the Borstel Fliegerhorst and from there to the barracks installations in the town. On 13 October, 8 rocket launchers left the installation for exercises in the area west of the training grounds. On 14 October, 2 three-axle trucks, each carrying a waterboat, about 5 meters long, left the Fliegerhorst toward the Tautenburg Kaserne.

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1. [] Comment. The assumed termination of the exercises of the LXXIX Mts Rifle Corps on 12 October and the vacating of the wood camp southeast of Jaevenitz on 13 October correspond to the present information on the arrival at the Stendal post of units of the 207th Mts Rifle Div. []

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[] After the completion of the return movement, probably, on 15 October, the barracks installations in Stendal can be carried occupied as follows:

Taentzien Kaserne. Probably by the 977th Indep. Sig Bn of the LXXIX Mts Rifle Corps; and, presumably, by the 338th Engn Bn of the 207th Mts Rifle Div and/or army engineers of the Third Shock Army. The strength estimate for this installation tends to indicate that additional units are stationed in this installation; however, the information fails to give indications for the identity of these units.

Hindenburg Kaserne. Probably by the 594th Mts Rifle Regt of the 207th Mts Rifle Div, which had been stationed there prior to the summer training period.

Albrecht-der-Papen Kaserne. Small elements of the 16th (120-mm) Tank Regt of the 207th Mts Rifle Div. The bulk of the regiment may still be stationed in the barracks installation south of Stendal.

Berstel Fliegerhorst. By the 399th (1) Rg Regt of the LXXIX Mts Rifle Corps and an unidentified 100-mm AT unit. According to available information, the Fliegerhorst included an ammunition depot, where trucks presumably left ammunition before they proceeded to the various barracks installations.

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2. [] Comment. [] has so far not been reported with a unit of the Third Shock Army.

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